

**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY SCIENCE**

**Protocol for Conducting Research at the NANCY W. DARDEN CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (NDCDC)**

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The Nancy W. Darden Child Development Center (NDCDC) at ECU is committed to helping ECU faculty, researchers, and students conduct research. As a high-quality child development center we envision numerous opportunities to conduct research. Nevertheless, in the interest of our young children, their families, and staff, and in accordance with ethical research standards, we have developed a research protocol that is applicable for any ECU faculty member, researcher, or student who wants to conduct research within the center.

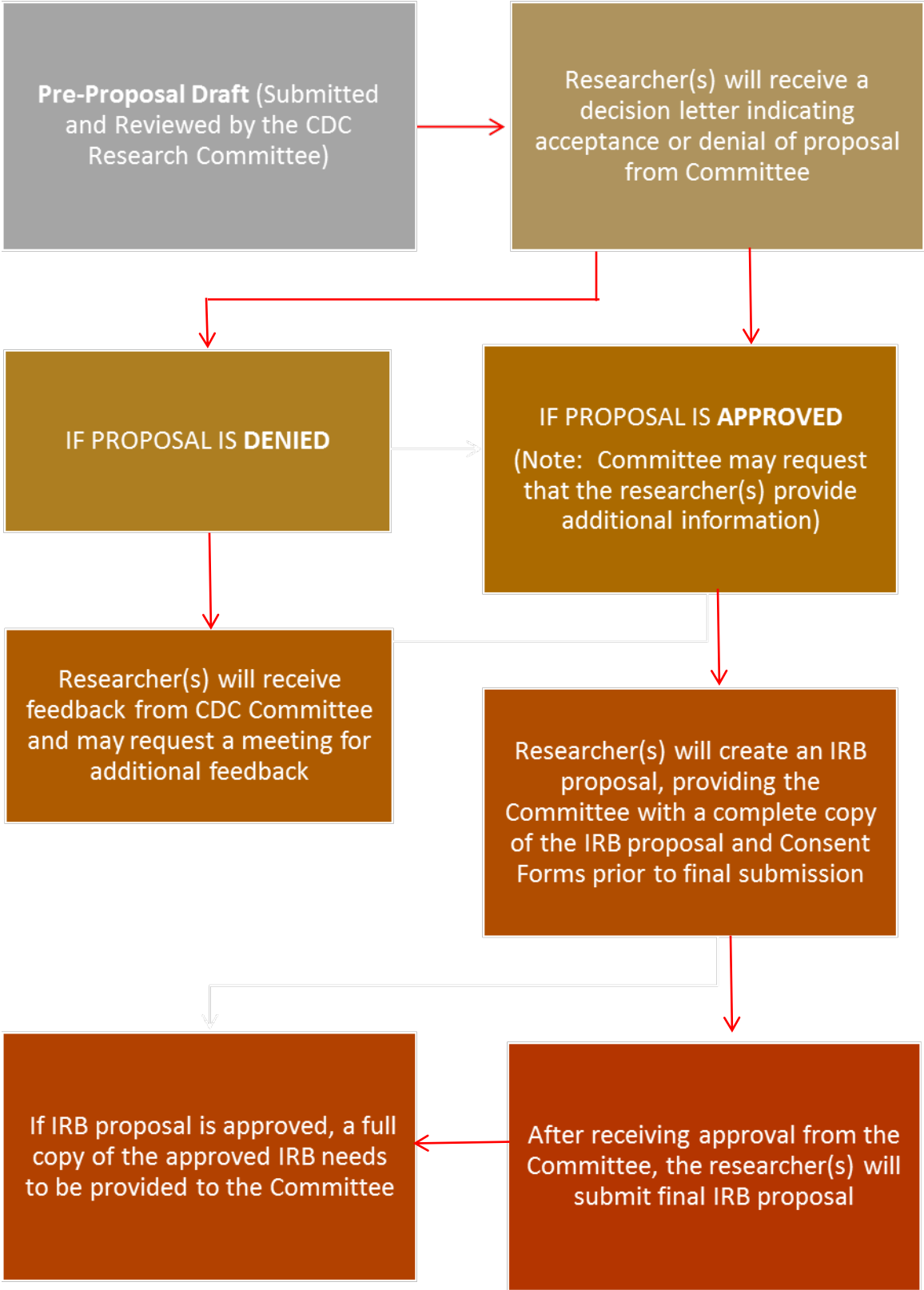
1. You must **submit a completed and signed NDCDC cover application and pre-proposal draft** to the NDCDC Research Committee **prior to beginning any research study**.
2. Complete applications will be reviewed by the NDCDC Research Committee, which consists of faculty in the Department of Human Development & Family Science and the NDCDC Director.
3. Applicants will be notified via email approximately 2-4 weeks after their complete application is received.
4. Studies that do not follow the research protocol will not be reviewed or considered.

**Applicants must be aware of the following:**

- Teachers, parents, and children provide voluntary consent to participate in the study and may withdraw at any time for any reason without penalty. The NDCDC is not responsible for participants who opt out of study participation.
- Researcher must stay in constant communication with NDCDC director regarding timeline of completion and days and times of NDCDC visits.

**A research study will be permitted to begin when the applicant has received (1) written approval from the NDCDC Research Committee and (2) IRB approval from ECU.**

We welcome ECU faculty to conduct research in the Nancy W. Darden Child Development Center. If you have any questions regarding the NDCDC, please feel free to contact the Director, Mrs. Twani Mosley at [connort23@ecu.edu](mailto:connort23@ecu.edu) or 252-328-6926. If you have any questions regarding the research protocol, please feel free to contact Dr. Archana Hegde, Chair of the NDCDC Research Committee, at [hegedea@ecu.edu](mailto:hegedea@ecu.edu) or 252-328-5712.



ECU  
College of Health and Human Performance  
Nancy W. Darden Child Development Center Research Committee

<b>Application Cover Page</b>
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1. Applicant Name:

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2. Department:

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College:

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4. ECU Status:

Faculty

Researcher

Graduate student

Undergraduate student

5. If you are a student, is this research in conjunction with a course requirement?

Yes     No

If yes, please state the course number and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this course related to a thesis or dissertation?     Yes     No

6. E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Proposal Title:

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8. Proposed Start & End Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please provide a brief summary of your proposed research (the summary submitted to IRB will suffice).

10. Type of data collection (check all that apply):

Observation

Interview

Survey

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Who will be the participants in your research? Please check all that apply and provide estimated numbers for each category.

Teachers: \_\_\_\_\_

Children and age: \_\_\_\_\_

Families: \_\_\_\_\_

CDC Administration: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Will you be using an intervention as part of your research?  Yes  No

If yes, please describe the intervention:

13. Is your research a pilot study?  Yes  No

14. Is your research a new study?  Yes  No

15. Is your research a recurrent study?  Yes  No

16. In a few lines, explain how participating in this study benefits the CDC?

17. In a few lines, explain what challenges you foresee for the CDC and/or the participants involved in the study?

18. Do you have any funding to support your proposed research?  Yes  No

